

Turner pledges legal CIA activities

Washington

Adm. Stansfield Turner said Tuesday he would resign as head of the Central Intelligence Agency if any president ordered him to carry out illegal activities.

Facing the Senate Intelligence Committee for confirmation as director of central intelligence and the CIA, Admiral Turner delivered a prepared statement and answered questions. The hearing postponed an inquiry into reports that the CIA paid millions of dollars to a series of foreign leaders, including King Hussein of Jordan.

Sen. Barry Goldwater (R) of Arizona said the commander of allied forces in Southern Europe was "well qualified to handle this difficult assignment — the right man to the right job at the right time."